

What is claimed is:

1. A disposable absorbent article having opposed longitudinal side edges, opposed lateral end edges, a front waist region, a rear waist region and a crotch region which extends between and connects the front waist region and the rear waist region, the front waist region having a width extending between opposed longitudinal side edges and the rear waist region having a width extending between opposed longitudinal side edges, the disposable absorbent article comprising:

an outer cover comprising a stretchable material and having a bodyfacing surface and a garment facing surface;

a liner superposed over the bodyfacing surface of the outer cover, the liner comprising a stretchable material and having a bodyfacing surface and a garment facing surface;

an absorbent core disposed between the garment facing surface of the liner and the bodyfacing surface of the outer cover; and

a dual fastening system, the dual fastening system comprising:

at least two primary fasteners, at least a portion of each primary fastener being situated inboard from each longitudinal side edge of the rear waist region, each primary fastener being configured to engage at least a portion of the garment facing surface of the outer cover; and

at least two secondary fasteners, at least a portion of each secondary fastener being located in the front waist region and situated inboard from each longitudinal side edge of the front waist region, each secondary fastener being configured to engage at least a portion of the bodyfacing surface of the liner; and

wherein the width of the front waist region is at least about 90 percent of the width of the rear waist region.

2. The disposable absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the outer cover is an elastomeric material.

3. The disposable absorbent article of claim 2, wherein the liner is an extensible material.

4. The disposable absorbent article of claim 3, wherein the width of the front waist region is at least 90 percent of the width of the rear waist region.

5. The disposable absorbent article of claim 2, wherein the liner material is an elastomeric material.

6. The disposable absorbent article of claim 5, wherein the width of the front waist region is at least 90 percent of the width of the rear waist region.

7. A disposable absorbent article having opposed longitudinal side edges, opposed lateral end edges, a front waist region, a rear waist region and a crotch region which extends between and connects the front waist region and the rear waist region, the front waist region having a width extending between opposed longitudinal side edges and the rear waist region having a width extending between opposed longitudinal side edges, the disposable absorbent article comprising:

- an outer cover comprising a stretchable material and having a bodyfacing surface and a garment facing surface;

- a liner superposed over the bodyfacing surface of the outer cover, the liner comprising a stretchable material and having a bodyfacing surface and a garment facing surface;

- an absorbent core disposed between the garment facing surface of the liner and the bodyfacing surface of the outer cover; and

- a dual fastening system, the dual fastening system comprising:

- a pair of primary ears joined to the rear waist region, each primary ear having a bodyfacing surface, a garment facing surface, a proximal edge, a distal edge, a first connecting edge and a second connecting edge, the first and second connecting edges connecting the proximal and distal edges, and a primary fastener, at least a portion of the primary fastener being situated inboard from the distal edge, the primary fastener being configured to engage at least a portion of the garment facing surface of the outer cover; and

- a pair of secondary ears joined to the front waist region, each secondary ear having a bodyfacing surface, a garment facing surface, a proximal edge, a distal edge, a first connecting edge and a second connecting edge, the first and second connecting edges connecting the proximal and distal edges, and a secondary fastener, at least a portion of the secondary fastener being situated inboard from the distal edge, the primary fastener being configured to engage at least a portion of the bodyfacing surface of the liner; and

wherein the width of the front waist region is at least about 90 percent of the width of the rear waist region.

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8. The disposable absorbent article of claim 7, wherein the outer cover is an elastomeric material.

9. The disposable absorbent article of claim 8, wherein the liner is an extensible material.

10. The disposable absorbent article of claim 9, wherein each primary fastener is situated outboard from at least the longitudinal side edge of the rear waist region.

11. The disposable absorbent article of claim 10, wherein each secondary fastener is situated outboard from at least the longitudinal side edge of the front waist region.

12. The disposable absorbent article of claim 11, wherein the width of the front waist region is at least 90 percent of the width of the rear waist region.

13. The disposable absorbent article of claim 7, wherein each primary fastener is situated outboard from at least the longitudinal side edge of the rear waist region.

14. The disposable absorbent article of claim 13, wherein the liner is an extensible material.

15. The disposable absorbent article of claim 14, wherein the outer cover is an elastomeric material.

16. The disposable absorbent article of claim 7, wherein each secondary fastener is situated outboard from at least the longitudinal side edge of the front waist region.

17. The disposable absorbent article of claim 16, wherein the liner is an extensible material

18. The disposable absorbent article of claim 17, wherein the outer cover is an elastomeric material.

19. A disposable absorbent article having opposed longitudinal side edges, opposed lateral end edges, a front waist region, a rear waist region and a crotch region which extends between and connects the front waist region and the rear waist region, the front waist region having a width extending between opposed longitudinal side edges and the rear waist region having a width extending between opposed longitudinal side edges, the disposable absorbent article comprising:

- an outer cover comprising an elastomeric material and having a bodyfacing surface and a garment facing surface;

- a liner superposed over the bodyfacing surface of the outer cover, the liner comprising an extensible material and having a bodyfacing surface and a garment facing surface;

- an absorbent core disposed between the garment facing surface of the liner and the bodyfacing surface of the outer cover; and

- a dual fastening system, the dual fastening system comprising:

- a pair of primary ears joined to the rear waist region, each primary ear being made of a non-elastomeric material and having a bodyfacing surface, a garment facing surface, a proximal edge, a distal edge, a first connecting edge and a second connecting edge, the first and second connecting edges connecting the proximal and distal edges, and a primary fastener, the primary fastener being situated inboard from the distal edge of the ear and outboard from at least the longitudinal side edge of the rear waist portion, the primary fastener being configured to engage at least a portion of the garment facing surface of the outer cover; and

- a pair of secondary ears joined to the front waist region, each secondary ear being made of a non-elastomeric material and having a bodyfacing surface, a garment facing surface, a proximal edge, a distal edge, a first connecting edge and a second connecting edge, the first and second connecting edges connecting the proximal and distal edges, and a secondary fastener, the secondary fastener being situated inboard from the distal edge of the ear and outboard from at least the longitudinal side edge of the front waist portion, the secondary fastener being configured to engage at least a portion of the bodyfacing surface of the liner; and

- wherein the width of the front waist region is at least 90 percent of the width of the rear waist region.